On Veterans Day, highlights the need to recognize our Veterans throughout the year

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EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP - Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) kicked off his Veterans Day events addressing an audience committed to service at the Chester County Council Boy Scouts of America Veterans Day Recognition Breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel in Frazer. The event included breakfast for the 150 Scouts, family members, and Veterans in attendance. Also in attendance were Drs. Vince and Vance Moss, identical twins, who are former Eagle Scouts, civil air patrol cadets and U.S. Army reservists, and doctors in New Jersey who have been featured in numerous print and media articles and television features as well as being chosen ABC's persons of the week in February 2008. The Congressman spoke to scouts, their families and local Veterans about the importance of service to their nation and remembering the legacy of those dedicated to protecting our country.

"To me, Veterans Day is an opportunity to reflect on the service of those who have gone before me, and to redouble my efforts to ensure that Veterans past, present, and future are honored in thought and action for the freedoms that they and their families have earned for us all. It is a reminder that we must confront the challenges Veterans face upon returning home as well the sacrifices they have made, as we recognize these brave men and woman," said Congressman Sestak, a former 3-star admiral and the highest ranking former military officer to ever serve in Congress.

Congressman Sestak added that he was taken by the dedication of Boy Scouts and their families to improving their communities as they demonstrate a similar character to the men and women who wear the cloth of this nation in our military. It is a priority of the Congressman and his office to ensure every young constituent that achieves the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Boy Scouts, is honored. Since taking office in 2006, the Congressman has awarded Congressional Citations to at least 150 new Eagle Scouts throughout the 7th Congressional District.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes through training in leadership, citizenship, service, and fun. The Chester County Council Boy Scouts of America serves the communities of Chester County, PA and the northwestern corner of Cecil Co., MD.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, the Congressman was the first Director of Deep Blue, the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the Global War on Terrorism. He served as President Clintons Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Congressman Sestak is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.